Agreement between AI and BBC

4199. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has signed an agreement with the BBC World Service for telecast of news and business reports on its international flights: and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement and the cost of the deal per annum which Air India would have to pay?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The salient features of the contract an- us under:—

(i) Air India will have the right to record and duplicate BBC news anywhere in the world for use on Air India flights.

(ii) The contract will be valid for one year.

(iii) The amount payable to BBC for the above rights is approximately 21,000 Pounds Sterling per annum.

Induction of Boeing 747-400 Aircraft in A. I.

4200. SHRI SURESH KALMADI . Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Boeing 747-400 being added to the Air India's fleet during the year 1993;

(b) by when the same will be received by the Air India; and

(c) what is the total cost of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM 'NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India has contracted for purchase of four Boeing 747-400 aircrafts One aircraft has already been delivered and two more are due for delivery in November and December, 1993. The fourth aircraft is due in June, 1994.

(c) The total project cost of the four aircrafts is Rs. 2333.33 crores with a foreign exchange component of US $ 682.72 million.

4201. [Transferred *to 24th August, 1993.)*

Aircraft taken from ZAS Ah- Lines

4202. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines have ever taken aircrafts on lease from ZAS Airlines; and

(b) if so, what is the status at present in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) M/s. ZAS Airlines operated services with their aircraft and crew for Indian Airlines on Male—Trivandrum sector during the period 13-12-1992 to 11-2-1993 owing to agitation by pilots. These services were operated under a commercial arrangement between Indian Airlines' and M/s. ZAS Airlines.

मध्य प्रदेश में विमान सेवा

4203. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992-93 तक मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन शहरों को राष्ट्रीय तथा अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमान सेवाओं से जोड़ा गया और उनमें से किन-किन शहरों में विमान सेवायें प्रतिदिन उपलब्ध हैं;

(ख) वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान प्रत्येक हवाई अड्डे से कितने यात्रियों ने यात्रा की तथा उपरोक्त वर्ष के दौरान कितनी आबंटित सीटें खाली रहीं;

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान आज की तिथि तक राज्य के किन-किन नगरों में विमान सेवाओं में कटौती की गई और इसके क्या कारण है; और

(घ) वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 के दौरान राज्य में हवाई यात्राओं से हुए लाभ और हानि का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) 1992-93 तक, ग्वालियर, भोपाल, इन्दौर, रायपुर और खजुराहो को इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के नेटवर्क पर लाया गया है । इस समय, इंडियन एयरलाइन्स इन्दौर, भोपाल और खजुराहो के लिए दैनिक सेवाएं प्रचालित कर रही हैं । मध्य प्रदेश के किसी भी हवाई अड्डे के लिए /से डोकर कोई अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सेवा नहीं है ।

(ख) 1992-93 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में प्रत्येक हवाई अड्डे से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या विवरण में बताई गई है (नीचे देखिये) । मध्य प्रदेश में वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान विभिन्न उड़ानों पर रिकार्ड किया गया औसत सीट फैक्टर 68% के लगभग था ।

(ग) प्रचालन कर्मीदल की उपलब्धता में भारी कमी के

कारण, ग्वालियर और रायपुर के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की सेवाएं घटा दी गयी थीं । 1 मई, 1993 से 10 जुलाई, 1993 के दौरान यातायात मांग में मौसमी कमी के कारण खजुराहो के लिए सेवाओं को भी घटा दिया गया था ।

(घ) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स द्वारा प्रचालनों की रोकड़ लागत में मध्य प्रदेश के स्टेशनों के संबंध में 1991-92 में 321.61 लाख रुपए का अधिशेष था और 1992-93 में 380.35 लाख रुपए का घाटा था ।

विवरण

मध्य प्रदेश के हवाई अड्डों से 1992-93 के दौरान विमान में यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या

1.	भोपाल	23765
2.	ग्वालियर	4217
3.	खजुराहो	33301
4.	इन्दौर	39795
5.	रायपुर	13825

Decision of IA pilots to quit en-masse

4204. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answe to UnStarred Question 495 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1993. and state :

(a) whether Government have since ascertained the causes of *en-masse* quitting by a large number of IA pilots; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to check *en-masse* quitting by IA pilots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken :—

(i) New trainee pilots are now required to execute a bond for Rs. 10 lakhs to serve the Corporation for a minimum period of 10 years in the first instance and 10 years after every conversion/endorsement.

(ii) No employee shall resign from the employment of the Corporation without giving six months notice of his/her intentions to resign.

(iii) The Director General of Civil Aviation has asked all Air Taxi operators in the country not to employ any one already serving in Indian Airlines, without obtaining a 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer.

(iv) Indian Airlines management has taken-up negotiation with Indian Commercial pilots' Association on a number of issues including steps to check exodus of pilots.

Agreement between A.I. and Gulf Air on Operation of Flights for Trivandrum

4205. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any joint operation between Air India and Gulf Air operating from Trivandrum;

(b) what are the details of agreement between the two airlines:

(c) what is the basis on which Gulf Air got the landing rights in Trivandrum;

(d) the amount of foreign exchange gone to Gulf Air due to Trivandrum landing rights; and

(e) whether some other Foreign Carriers have applied for the same rights; if so, whether they were not granted the rights, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Two out of four frequencies of Gulf Air to/from Trivandrum are operated under a joint venture agreement between Air India and Gulf Air. Under this joint venture revenue and cost are shared equally, subject to a minimum guaranteed return to Air India.

(d) No foreign exchange payment by Air India is envisaged in this joint venture agreement.

(e) United Arab Emirates and Sultnate of Oman have shown interest in flights to be operated by their airlines from Trivandrum. After bilaterial discussions, no final agreement could be reached with UAE. The proposal of Oman is yet to be discussed between the two Governments.

Reduction in number of I.A. flights to Leh

4206. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Indian Airlines flights to Leh have been reduced from 11 to 5 a week;